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Business Resource Center Available to Assist Businesses Affected by Flood Damage

CONCORD – In an effort to better marshal services for the business community, the New Hampshire Business Resource Center wants to hear from companies adversely affected by the recent flooding.

"Over the past week, we've been speaking with Federal Emergency Management Teams and resource partners to determine the magnitude of the problem as well as to develop a game plan to assist all of those affected by this disaster," said Business Resource Center Director Roy Duddy. "However, there is still much work to be done and the key to our successful response can be summed up in one word - communication. In order to do the best job that we can do, we need to hear from the business community."

The Center is currently conducting what Duddy termed "a mass e-mail blitz" to businesses in areas affected by the flooding as well as to local elected officials and municipalities to determine areas of need. In addition, he has assigned two regional resource specialists, James Robb and Dean Eastman, to speak directly with companies requiring information and assistance regarding disaster relief.

"Both James and Dean will be collecting the names of affected businesses and the types of assistance that they are requiring," Duddy said. "This process will be extremely valuable as we continue to provide information to federal government officials and other decision makers."

For more information, please contact the Business Resource Center at 271-2591.